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I have the honour to inform you that, guided by the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and on the basis of the fact that any of the following actions, irrespective of a declaration of war, is defined as aggression under General Assembly resolution 3414 (XXIX):

"(a) The invasion or attack by the armed forces of a State of the territory of another State, or any military occupation, however temporary, resulting from such invasion or attack, or any annexation by the use of force of the territory of another State or part thereof;

(b) Bombardment by the armed forces of a State against the territory of another State or the use of any weapons by a State against the territory of another State;

(g) The sending by or on behalf of a State of armed bands, groups, irregulars or mercenaries, which carry out acts of armed force against another State of such gravity as to amount to the acts listed above, or its substantial involvement therein",

I consider it my duty on behalf of the Government of the Azerbaijani Republic to bear witness to the following facts (as of 19 April 1993).

I. Populated areas of the Azerbaijani Republic subjected by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia to aggression, capture and destruction. They were all subjected to "ethnic cleansing" of the Azerbaijani inhabitants, who were driven from their homes by armed force. Persons from among the peaceful population have been killed and wounded. At the current time the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia have occupied:

1. In the Agdam district (bordering on the Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic occupied by the Republic of Armenia) the village of Abdal, whose population numbered 1,012 persons, and the village of Kulably, with 1,413 persons.

2. In the Fizulin district (bordering on the Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic occupied by the Republic of Armenia) the villages of Gorchak, 725 persons; Yukhary Veisally, 761 persons; Kovshadly, 1,087 persons; Kadisar, 1,987 persons; and Divanalilyar, 279 persons.

3. In the Lachin district (bordering on the Republic of Armenia and the Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic occupied by Armenia) a total of 123 populated areas with an overall population of approximately 50,000 persons. At the present time, under the guise of the so-called "Lachin humanitarian corridor" armed forces of the Republic of Armenia have captured and occupied 116 of the 123 populated areas. The entire Azerbaijani population has been forcibly expelled from these villages and towns.

Of the 1,835 square kilometres constituting the overall area of the Lachin district, Armenian armed forces have captured and occupied 1,680 square kilometres, which comprise 93 per cent of the district's territory. The remaining 7 per cent of the land is under constant aerial and artillery bombardment by the armed forces of Armenia.

4. In the Kelbajar district (bordering on the Republic of Armenia and the Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic occupied by Armenia) there is a total of 148 populated areas with an overall population of approximately 68,000 persons. All 148 populated areas of the district without exception were subjected to aggression, captured and occupied by Armenian armed forces; 65,980 persons (10,888 families) were evacuated and the fate of those remaining in the occupied area is unknown. Owing to the need to evacuate the civilian population as speedily as possible, continuous artillery bombardment by Armenian armed units and severe climatic conditions, part of the refugees in the mountainous area is missing and a large number of persons are currently in grave condition in civilian and military hospitals in Azerbaijan.

5. In the Kubatlin district (bordering on the Republic of Armenia and the Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic occupied by Armenia) the village of Eivazli, with a population of 78 persons, was captured.

6. In the Zangelan district (bordering only on the Republic of Armenia) the following villages have been occupied: Gazynchi, with a population of 197 persons; Seidlyar, 72 persons; Kundgyshlak, 60 persons; Agkend, 111 persons; Pirveis, 70 persons; Dereli, 70 persons; Djhanbar, 60 persons; and Yukhary Këyali, 69 persons.

7. In the Kazakh district (bordering only on the Republic of Armenia) the villages of Baganis Airym, 424 persons; Barkhudarly, 312 persons; Yukhary Askipara, 467 persons; Ashagi Askipara, 1,014 persons; Sofulu, 172 persons; and Kheirimli, 212 persons.

8. In the Geranboy district (bordering on the Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic occupied by the Republic of Armenia) the village of Gyulistan, with a population of 750 persons, was captured.

9. In the Nakhichevan district of Azerbaijan (bordering only on the Republic of Armenia) the village of Kerki, with a population of 374, was occupied.

II. Populated areas of the Azerbaijani Republic which are being systematically subjected to aggression; invasion; attack; aerial, artillery and tank bombardment; and destruction. Persons from among the peaceful population have been killed and wounded. As of the present time the peaceful population has been completely or partially evacuated.

1. In the Agdam district (bordering on the Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic occupied by the Republic of Armenia) the villages of Napravend, Karakirimli, Mollalar, Beiakhmedli, Jalaigylar, Kyurdlyar, Alimazagli, Aliagali, Djynli, Khydyrly, Chukhurmazhla, Sarygajyly, Kiyasli, Akhmadavar, Alimardanly, Perioglular, Poladly, Shelli, Kasymly, Muganly, Shikhbabaly, Seibaly, Bagbanlar, Ismailbeili, Marzili, Salakhly, Khatyrderbend, and Ashagy Mollalar. A total number of 50,004 persons were evacuated from these villages. Owing to the constant bombardment of the city by Armenian armed units, 17,000 persons from among the peaceful population were evacuated from the district centre of Agdam.

2. In the Fizulin district (bordering on the Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic occupied by the Republic of Armenia) the villages of Ashagi Veisaly, Dilagarda, Zarger, Kabudilagarda, Yukhary-Yaglevend, Karvend, Dovletlyarly, Shakherjik, Seimakhmudlu, Yukhary Aibasanly, Mirzadjamally, Aleskerli, Dedli, Ishygly, Gajagedlyu, Djuvarly, Xalavsha, Kochakhmedli, Kargabazar, Arysh, Yal Pirakhmedli, Molla Veli, Khatynbulag, Karakellu, Ashagi Gyuzlyak, Yukhary Rafadinli and Ashagi Rafadinli. A total number of 37,589 persons were evacuated from these villages and the district centre of Fizuli.

3. In the Lachin district (bordering on the Republic of Armenia and the Nagorny Karabakh area occupied by Armenia) the villages of Ashagi Farajan, Farajan, Safyan, Turklyar, Gyulyabir, Gasydere and Melik Akhmedli. A total of 59,483 persons were evacuated from this district because of aggression by Armenian armed forces.

4. In the Djebrail district (bordering on the Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic, occupied by the Republic of Armenia), the villages of Kushchular, Belyand, Kyshlak, Pamy, Gerazylly, Yukhary Gyuzlyak, Suleimanly, Efendilyar, Cherkend, Khalafli and Kerrar, as well as the district centre, the town of Djebrail. A total of 9,150 people were evacuated.

5. In the Kubatly district (bordering on the Republic of Armenia and on the Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic, occupied by the Republic of Armenia), the villages of Khat, Tatar, Milanly, Basharat, Alikuliushagy, Dagudlu, Kadili Movlu, Mazra, Seitas, Shurnukh, Geyarabas, Khallava, Yukhary Djibikli, Ashagi Djibikli, Chaizami, Eyin, Chardakhly, Taroglu, Poladly, Mekhrili, Ashagi Khajamusakhly, Zar, Parjan, Saldash, Chereli, Boyunagyar, Balkygaya and Sarylykheshtab, as well as the district centre, the town of Kubatly. A total of 6,212 people were evacuated.

6. In the Zangelan district (bordering only on the Republic of Armenia), the villages of Akbiz, Ashagi Emizli, Orta Emizli, Yukhary Emizli, Karababa, Kuyuderekheshteb, Otuzinji, Sheiflyu, Shaefly, Yusiflar, Karagel, Kechikli, Shotariz, Beshdali, Malatneshin, Kollu Gyshlag, Sobu, Meshadi Ismailly, Razdere

and Veshnali, as well as the town of Zangelan. A total of 2,833 people were evacuated.

7. In the Kazakh district (bordering only on the Republic of Armenia), the villages of Kemerli, Farakhli, Kushchu Airum, Mazanly, Abbas Beili, Alpout, Kyzylgajyly, Djafarli, Bala Djafarli. A total of 6,047 people were evacuated.

8. In the Akstafa district (bordering only on the Republic of Armenia), the villages of Tatly and Kegnakyshlak. A total of 1,447 people were evacuated.

9. In the Tauz district (bordering only on the Republic of Armenia), the villages of Gajally, Myulkyulyu, Alibeili, Agdam, Chokhanabi, Asrikjirdakhan, Agbulak, Kiran, Munjuglu and Kosha. A total of 5,000 people were evacuated.

10. In the Kedabek district (bordering only on the Republic of Armenia), the villages of Karalar, Novosaratovka, Karabeller, Gajilar, Eiridere, Geyali, Kollu, Shinykh, Karabaglar, Zallanly, Djujanly, Mutudere and Novoivanovka. A total of 1,663 people were evacuated.

11. In the Nakhichevan area of Azerbaijan (bordering only on the Republic of Armenia), the villages of Bicheneg, Kyukyu, Yukhary Buzgov, Ashagi Buzgov, Avush, Yukhary Aiji, Djagazur, Danzik, Gyunnyut, Sadarak and Numunavi. A total of 12,350 people were evacuated.

III. The Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic, occupied by the Republic of Armenia

As a result of ethnic cleansing carried out by Armenian armed terrorists between 1988 and 1992 in the territory of Nagorny Karabakh, the following towns and villages with a predominantly Azerbaijani population were cleansed of their Azerbaijani population: Neshali, 342 people; Khojavend, 1,387 people; Akhullu, 575 people; Garadagly, 874 people; Kuneshli, 268 people; Muganly, 1,118 people; Amiralar, 1,207 people; Karkijakhan, 1,708 people; Kuropatkino, 717 people; Salakatin, 195 people; Gushchular, 114 people; Kosalar, 576 people; Djankhasan, 156 people; Djavadlar, 156 people; Yaalobakend, 191 people; Bashkend, 224 people; Garakaf, 125 people; Djamili, 660 people; Pashalar, 68 people; Chaikend, 242 people; Mamishlyar, 24 people; Koitala, 111 people; Malybeili, 2,323 people; Turshsu, 873 people; Yukhary Gushchular, 302 people; Ashagi Gushchular, 295 people; Djamilyar, 33 people; Orta Gushchular, 247 people; Khanlyglaya, 209 people; Allakhgulular, 109 people; Zamanpaisy, 16 people; Imangulular, 213 people; Gaibaly, 175 people; Safikhanlar, 92 people; Khalafli, 135 people; Dyukanlar, 93 people; Mirzalar, 35 people; Khanaly, 349 people; Lachchinlar, 30 people; Zarysly, 278 people; Shirlan, 152 people; Nabilar, 112 people; Syrkhavend, 1,486 people; Bash Kuneipaya, 704 people; Orta Kuneipaya, 238 people; Khalikli, 923 people; Khatynbeili, 277 people; Imarat Garvend, 1,111 people; Narynchlar, 467 people; Charakter, 705 people; and Umudlu 1,034 people, as well as the towns of Shusha, 16,400 people and Khojaly, 5,434 people, totalling 53 inhabited localities. A total of 45,662 inhabitants of Azerbaijani nationality have been expelled from these towns and villages by armed force.

Besides those listed above, a further 160 towns and villages of the Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic, in which the Azerbaijani population

is a minority, have been subjected to total ethnic cleansing with the use of armed force, in the course of which there have been mass killings of civilians.

In total, some 54,000 Azerbaijanis have been the victims of ethnic cleansing in the Nagorny Karabakh area of the Azerbaijani Republic.

Meanwhile, according to reports received from Azerbaijan, Armenian armed formations are continuing their aggression against Azerbaijani towns and villages. Thus, on the night of 18 April, the armed forces of Armenia continued shelling frontier towns and villages of the Zangelan, Kedabek and Tauz districts of Azerbaijan. In the Zangelan district, the villages of Yukhary Emizli, Kollu Gyshlag, Shaefli, Shotaraz, Najaflar and Razdere were subjected to shelling. There has been wide-scale destruction of homes and community facilities. In the Kedabek district, the villages of Novoivanovka, Novosaratovka, Mor-Mor, Parakend and the district centre of Kedabek were subjected to shelling by Grad launchers, tanks and armoured fighting vehicles from the territory of the Krasnoselsk district of the Republic of Armenia. Houses were destroyed.

In the light of the above, we appeal to the Security Council to take effective steps:

- to put a stop to the aggression waged by the Republic of Armenia against the Azerbaijani Republic;
- to halt the incursion of Armenian armed forces into the territory of Azerbaijan;
- to condemn the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Azerbaijani Republic;
- to compel the leaders of the Republic of Armenia to withdraw their armed forces from the invaded and occupied territories of the Azerbaijani Republic;
- to impose all appropriate sanctions on the Republic of Armenia, as an aggressor and invader;
- to appeal to the Republic of Armenia to comply with the norms of international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the annexed map of the Azerbaijani Republic circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Territories in Kelbajar and Lachin districts of Azerbaijan, occupied by the Armenian Armed Forces
Territory of Nagorno Karabakh region, occupied by the Armenian Armed Forces
Territories in Azerbaijan currently under permanent bombing and shelling from the Armenian side
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